

November 27, 2003

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BLM Prineville District Office
Draft UDRMP
3050 NE Third St
Prineville, Or. 97754

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Re: Badlands as Wilderness
To whom it may concern:

I have lived in Bend since 1977 and have spent many hours enjoying and exploring on foot the Badlands east of Bend. I have been very disheartened by the intrusion of the off-highway-vehicles which have caused in a few moments damage that will take years to undo. In addition, vehicles drive away wildlife, forever changing the ecosystem. I have seen the damage done by vehicles; actually by the drivers who have no regard for the boundaries set to protect the area or for the ecology of the earth.

I am urging you to support the creation of the Badlands Wilderness area which would eliminate, or at least curtail, the damage made by the off-highway-vehicles, by those who are illegally cutting firewood in the area, by those who are using the area as a garbage dump, and most importantly those who are defacing and looting the rock features and archaeological sites.

Bend has grown at an astonishing rate over the past 15 years, bringing more and more people here to "recreate". It is imperative that we, as a community, send the message that we value our wild areas and wildlife and that we will not allow such disregard for the land, plants and animals to go unchallenged. If we sit back and do nothing, it will be too late to prevent the damage that will continue. Once the area is beyond repair, it will be gone forever.

Regards,

Beverly Chase
Beverly Chase
18932 Martingale Circle
Bend, Or. 97701

#052



Teal Purrington
12/03/03 10:38 AM

To:
cc:
Subject:

----- Forwarded by Mike Williams/PRFO/OR/BLM/DOI on 12/03/03 08:27 AM -----



"gossandco"
<gossandco@empnet.com>
12/02/03 11:01 PM

To: <Upper_Deschutes_RMP@or.blm.gov>
cc:
Subject: How to Comment

I am enclosing an attachment. Please read.



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UPPER DESCHUTES RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

November 23, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

Upon analyzing the proposed plan I have a few comments, along with a few questions, about that plan.

1. What sense does the proposed chosen plan make? What would moving the military into the upper portion of Redmond accomplish as far as abolishing the conflict with the surrounding residences? What is fair about this move? Why would BLM think that the surrounding neighborhood of Redmond would not mind having both the aggregate mining operations and the military operations within that area? What makes this area any different than the Prong Horn area? Why does BLM think that the currently proposed 1/8 mile **buffer zone** appear to be enough buffer? The surrounding area of this portion of the BLM has established homes on its boundaries, would not the same conflicts still be in place? Because of the fact of the potential aggregate mining in addition to the military use, we, the surrounding neighbors, are not pleased with your proposal and can see no gainful use, to us, for BLM to move it from the Prong Horn area to here. It just does not make any sense. The **O'Neil Highway**, the proposed highway of use for the military, has already become a "**haul road**" for the current private aggregate miners and, I can assure you, to all of us who live on or nearby that road, because of it's current use, it has already become a road of **great concern**. Even users of this road that are not local residents to the road have a problem with the existing truck traffic. Let me also say that anyone of you who has devised this plan would not be happy living here with the truck traffic on this road. I doubt that anyone on your advisory committee does live on this road. We have recently sought legal counsel to help us eliminate a large portion of that current aggregate use and, with the battle we are currently fighting, **we do not wish to add any additional use** to that road. An entry road, for your proposed plan, needs to be brought in at the southwest portion of this proposal along with a bridge over the canal **and a haul road**.
2. Because of the extensive aggregate use in the O'Neil area we, who live close by, have become increasingly sensitive to the issue of the particulate fallout material, in the form of **dust**, from the current private aggregate miners, and **we do not wish to add anymore** of this into our area of living. As a property owner and resident of this proposed area of use by BLM, I am very familiar with how the soil in that particular area responds to use, and **it is very dusty**. With that in mind, I have given careful consideration to the BLM proposal of use on that land. I can guarantee you that the surrounding neighbors, myself included, believe it would become something that we **would not be able to live with**. The surrounding neighbors, to the BLM proposed area, may be somewhat naive to the issue of the

dust, enactment of the proposed Plan would educate them to this issue, and they would only be able to remove the Plan with great effort and financial expenditure on their part. None of us want that. With this in mind, be assured, we are very concerned about the movement of the military vehicles causing **extremely dusty** conditions on this land. We are having trouble finding the reasoning behind this decision of the Plan.

3. Once again, because of the extensive aggregate use in the O'Neil area we are also dealing with the **noise** issue. This is also a very sensitive issue for the surrounding neighborhood. The heavy equipment used to mine the aggregate is **noisy**, and **dusty**, the rock crushers are **noisy**, and **dusty**, the processors are **noisy**, and **dusty**, the loaders are **very noisy**, and **dusty**, plus the trucks driving in and out, out and in, and, up and down, down and up the O'Neil Highway. The addition of the **military gunfire** along with the driving of **military vehicles** in and around that particular BLM property would cause a **noise** issue. We already have a **noise** issue with the current aggregate mining in this area and **are not able to tolerate anymore** of the same. The gun club, which is located to the south of the BLM property in question, can be clearly heard by all of the property owners in this area. What would added military gunfire do for the **peace and quiet** that we all thought we were purchasing when we moved into this area? Just how is the 1/8mi. buffer going to eliminate this possibility when this gun club is several miles away? Once again, we are having trouble finding the reasoning behind this decision of the Plan.
4. The issue of BLM **regulation on mining operations** is not addressed in your manual. After speaking with one of your representatives I was told that the mining would be done by ODOT, however, the **issuance of permits to private miners** would also be done, even though there were no current permits in place, private aggregate miners will be able to get permits to mine on this BLM property. Who is going to regulate the mining practices and to what extent? I can tell you, we are not pleased with the mining practices of the current aggregate miners from this area. One of your **advisory** members, Hooker Creek, **Matt Day**, is **the worst**. He operates 24 hours a day 365 days a year and has run his O'Neil Pit under the pretense that he has a nonconforming use, which he has yet to prove, and has forced us, the surrounding property owners, to hire the services of an attorney just to stop the lying he has done allowing him to operate this way. Frankly, I am **very disappointed** to see his name on your advisory council. We do not view **Mr. Day as a very reputable man**, very rich, but not reputable. We feel that he tells you what you want to hear, just to get his way, then does what is best for Matt with all disregard to anyone else. We, the neighbors, have been made to accommodate him and his operating practices, while he, in turn, does nothing to try to accommodate us. His operating practices are as ruthless as he is. I am quite sure Mr. Day's reasons for being an advisor on your committee are, above all else, for **personal gain**. This, in it's self, is the most feared of all of the issues being addressed in this letter. We **feel** the nightmare that Matt Day has forced us to live with, everyday, while reading his name in your advisory group listing. We are wondering how someone like Matt Day has been made an advisor of this Plan. We are all hoping it is not just because he has a lot of money and are hoping that

his business practices have been thoroughly investigated to eliminate the possibility of his advise, about this Plan, becoming used for his own personal gain.

5. The issue of the **canal trail** has a lot of the property owners **very concerned**. Why would BLM even consider such a proposal? Besides the fact that the property owners along the canal are going to be having their **privacy infringed upon**, they could possibly have two other things happen to them. One, being the possibility of someone being hurt on the property along the canal. **Who will be liable** for that? Secondly, **who will be policing** this public walk? Who will be protecting the property owners from having crimes committed against them? Vandalism, rape, murder, assaults, just to name a few of the potential and realistic possible crimes that could be committed against these property owners. We are sure that anyone from BLM that owns property would not relish the possibility that **strangers**, of any kind, would be **allowed to pass through their backyards**, and do who knows what, and neither do the property owners along this canal.
6. Where is the BLM study on the effects of how the military, mining and public use will **co-mingle**? I failed to find where this issue has been addressed in your manual. To be honest this is the first thing that came to my mind when I was reviewing the BLM maps. The thought of taking a leisurely trail ride on my horse and riding into the path of one of the military tanks or having to dodge an aggregate truck, filled with rock, whizzing past me is not a very pleasant thought. These lands are owned by the people, not the military, and, most definitely, not the aggregate industry. The fact that the aggregate industry has taken over the road that I live on, using it as their haul road, makes for the problem of not being able to ride my horse, bike or go for a walk down that road, and then, the thought of having to deal with this on BLM property does not give me a thought that would be in approval of the BLM Plan, in fact, the thought is quite contrary.

These are just a few of the troubling issues that I have with the BLM proposal and would like to chat with whom ever is in charge of this project to have these issues addressed before the "**proposed preferred plan**" becomes "**the chosen plan enacted**".

Where is our guarantee that this will be a **good thing** for us? We are being told, by BLM, that this will be a great thing to have happen. I cannot see what would be so great about this. Is BLM willing to compensate us for **property devaluations** due to the Plan? Is BLM willing to **compensate** us for the dust, noise, road traffic, use of the canal etc. etc., all of the things that this proposal has the potential to bring us?

Also, I currently own 187 acres that adjoins this particular proposed site. It has a current market value of close to \$800,000.00 or more. Should the preferred proposed BLM Plan become enacted I would like to be able to **trade** that property with BLM for 187 acres next to the Prong Horn Development to ensure myself to be free of the issues that I have just addressed. I can assure you that Prong Horn wants this plan enacted to protect its property values and I would like to be assured of the same opportunity and be allowed to at least preserve the value of my property and not have it be deflated by this proposal. I

would like to be assured that the proposed uses of this piece of BLM would not cause me anymore-mental harassment than I am already being made to deal with.

Thank you for your time, and I would like to speak to someone about the trade.

Barbara Goss
18300 N.W. O'Neil Highway
Redmond, Oregon 97756
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336 SE Sena Ct
Bend, OR 97702
November 26, 2003

BLM PRINEVILLE
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Mollie Chaudet
Bureau of Land Management
Prineville District Office
3050 NE Third St.
Prineville, OR 97754

RE: Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan

I'd like to express my strong support for the proposal to close the Badlands to motorized use while improving year-round access to the Millican area for off-road vehicles.

I hike regularly in Central Oregon, both in the mountains and in the deserts. This is a beautiful natural world, but difficult to enjoy when motors roar. Even when there is no sound of vehicles, it is distressing to see the damage caused when cycles and ORVs race up and down hillsides and across fragile terrain.

I recognize that some people have difficulty accessing the Badlands by foot, and I would strongly support creating a wheelchair accessible trail when funds permit.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Mary Oppenheimer

Berry Phelps
12/05/03 09:17 AM

To: Teal Purrington/PRFO/OR/BLM/DOI@BLM
cc:
Subject: UPRMP Public Comment

#054

Teal:

I received a voice message last Thursday, 12/4/03 from Theresa. She said she wanted the Badlands to remain Wilderness and keep vehicles off this area. Her phone number is 617-5995. Thanks.

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Berry Phelps
Recreation Planner
Bureau of Land Management
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bphelps@or.blm.gov
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#055

Phone Conversation Notes – UDRMP

Date: Friday, October 31, 2003

Person Calling: Greg Currie (BLM)

Person Called: Robert Speik (385-0445)

I returned Robert's call on Friday afternoon. He had heard about the newspaper articles on the Badlands Closure and wanted more information/explanation. Mr. Speik thought that maybe the BLM was doing some sort of administrative closure that was effective right away. I told him that the closure was just one of many options being considered in the UDRMP, and asked him if he had a copy of the plan. Mr. Speik said he had an executive summary, but that he thought it was a water quality report. I told him it was the overall BLM plan for the entire area (that the Badlands was only 8% of the area), and that he may want to review it and attend the public meetings.

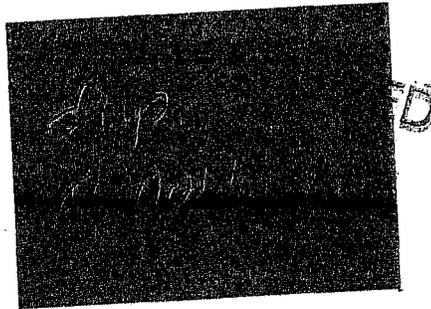
I pointed out where he could find the meeting announcements and dates in the document he had. I also offered to send him the complete draft EIS. He said he was going to an ONDA meeting and could he get it by Monday, November 3. I told Robert I would send a copy out on Monday, and that ONDA would most surely have a full copy available at their meeting.

I stressed that he should look at how all the different areas are being managed, not just the Badlands. We had a short conversation on trail use, the need for non-motorized trails, and user separation.

Mr. Speik thought the BLM needed to provide separate trails for mountain bikers/hikers versus horses. I told Robert we did not specify this in any alternative, and that is the kind of comment that would be useful. I also mentioned the restrictions on group use and geocaching in the Badlands and other small areas such as historic ACEC's.

November 26, 2003

Jack Ely
7465 SW Shad Rd.
Crooked River Ranch, OR 97760



#056

Dear BLM

Ten years ago when I moved to Crooked River Ranch (CRR), there were only about three residences surrounding the BLM land which is between the Deschutes River and CRR. The parcel of which I am speaking is bounded on the south by Robin Rd, the east by Quail Rd, the north by Chickadee and Sand Ridge Roads and the west by the Deschutes River. Now there are at least thirty five residences surrounding this area.

Some of these residences are built within fifteen feet of your boundary line. Some have livestock corrals with horses or other livestock in them that boarder your land. Most of these houses are occupied all year round. And some of them include small children who love to play on their public lands.

Last month while horseback riding on a trail in this area I heard three erratic shots fired in a row. One of these shots fired was with the rifle pointed in my direction because its concussion was far greater than the other two. When I went to investigate, I found three young men gutting a four point buck. This would have been alright ten years ago, but this day they were within one hundred and forty feet of a residence. And, because the shots that were fired were erratic, it leads me to believe they were shooting at a running deer and shooting in the direction of three houses with children's play areas and horse corrals.

I am a long time friend of hunters and am not proposing this area be closed to hunting. But because the range of most deer hunting rifles' bullets is at least two miles, I am asking that the area within close proximity to homes, children, and livestock be made a 'no shooting safety zone.' People can bow hunt there as much as they want as far as I'm concerned.

When I asked one of your staff about this, I was told I needed to make a proposal with definable boundaries. So, it would seem to me that all shooting in the above described area should be banned above the lower rim of the Deschutes River Canyon, and that this area be made a 'no shooting safety zone.' I am specifying the lower rim because in some places there are three rims and at least one of them is above the home sites which would allow shooters to shoot right down into housing areas where people live, work and play. This should give you a definable boundary to work with.

Thank you for considering this proposal. Like Smokey the Bear says, "Only **you** can prevent a disaster." I would also add, "The life **you** save may be your grandchild's."

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Ely
Jack Ely, Resident

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Dear BLM-

I'm writing to express my
interest in protecting the Badlands.

I support closing the proposed
Badlands Wilderness to OHV use.

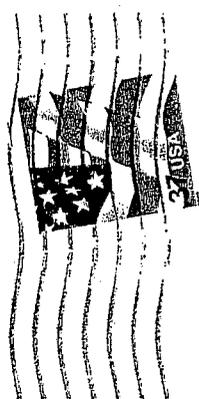
Please do so.

Thank You - Maureen

Maureen Phelan

70000 NW 83rd

Redmond OR 97756

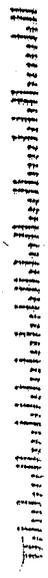


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#058



Keith M Brown
10/28/03 02:32 PM

To: Greg Currie/PRFO/OR/BLM/DOI@BLM, Robin Snyder/PRFO/OR/BLM/DOI@BLM, Mollie Chaudet/PRFO/OR/BLM/DOI@BLM
cc: Bill Dean/PRFO/OR/BLM/DOI@BLM, Teal Purrington/PRFO/OR/BLM/DOI@BLM, Ron Wortman/PRFO/OR/BLM/DOI@BLM, Ron L Gregory/PRFO/OR/BLM/DOI@BLM
Subject: Re: BLM

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— Forwarded by Keith M Brown/PRFO/OR/BLM/DOI on 10/28/03 02:28 PM —



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10/28/03 02:19 PM

To: <Keith_M_Brown@or.blm.gov>
cc:
Subject: Re: BLM

Thank You for your reply. Just a note to let you know that there is an access road at the end of Teton that gives access to BLM and where the dumping is going on. The rimrock is steep in that area and we can't get down there to pick up the large amounts of "stuff", whatever, probably some drug stuff too. So the only way to get that cleaned up would be to scale the rimrock walls and we are too old for that. If you close the access roads in this area, it will keep folks from using it as a dump site. [Redacted]

[Redacted]. Thanks again for the info. [Redacted]

----- Original Message -----

From: <Keith M Brown@or.blm.gov>
To: [Redacted]
Cc: <Robin_Snyder@or.blm.gov>; <Greg_Currie@or.blm.gov>; <Mike_Williams@or.blm.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2003 1:41 PM
Subject: BLM

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> Hello [Redacted],
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> Thank you for your interest in the Upper Deschutes Resource Management
> Plan(UDRMP) and Environmental Impact Statement(EIS). The UDRMP is an
> enormous effort, and will establish important management guidelines for
> lands around the Prineville Lake Acres subdivisions for the next 10-15
> years.
>
> Initially, it took some time to locate Teton street. Based on my
> information, Teton runs east and west, the east end runs into private
land,
> however the west end of Teton (at the corner with Chippewa) stops at the
> BLM boundary. I'm guessing this is the location you are referring to -
> correct?
>
> The draft UDRMP does address dumping, especially within high priority
> habitual dumping areas (See Appendix A, page 103). However, the end of
> Teton has not been identified has one of those high priority sites. At

> first glance, it appears that stopping dumping at the end of Teton street
> will be extremely difficult, because the road can't be closed, nor would
> fencing be helpful (dumpers will just throw their garbage over the fence).

> If interested, BLM is hosting a public meeting for members of the public
to
> talk with specialists and learn more about the UDRMP in Prineville, on
> Tuesday, November 18th, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Carey Foster Hall, 590 SE
> Lynn Blvd.

> In addition, I would encourage you to participate in the Prineville
> District's Adopt-an-Open-Space program. Once a member, BLM can provide
you

> with trash bags and signs, support efforts to organize and complete
> volunteer cleanups, and pay for collected garbage to be accepted at the
> landfill. For more information, please contact our Adopt-an-Open-Space
> program lead, Robin Snyder, at 416-6666, or robin_snyder@or.blm.gov.

> If you have any additional questions, please call or email.

> Thanks, Keith

> Keith Brown
> Outdoor Recreation Planner
> Prineville District
> Bureau of Land Management
> 541-416-6779
> 541-416-6798 (Fax)
> kmbrown@or.blm.gov

> _____
> Greg or Keith, please respond in more detail.

> [REDACTED], Yes, One of the goals of this plan is to reduce the amount of
> dumping.

> Mike Williams
> Writer/Editor
> Bureau of Land Management,
> Prineville District

> ----- Forwarded by Mike Williams/PRFO/OR/BLM/DOI on 10/20/03 09:23
AM -----

> [REDACTED]
> [REDACTED] To:
> <upper_deschutes_RMP@or.blm.gov>
> [REDACTED] om> cc:
> [REDACTED] Subject: BLM
> [REDACTED] 10/19/03 07:37 AM

> Is this draft going to address the dumping of trash on BLM land, such that
> is happening at the end of Teton Street Prineville Lake Acres II? Thanks,
> [REDACTED]

#059



"Katie Terrel"
<katsage@qwickconne
ct.net>

To: <Upper_Deschutes_RMP@or.blm.gov>
cc:
Subject: Badlands closure

10/18/03 05:10 PM
Please respond to "Katie
Terrel"

Regarding the issue of closing this area to motorized vehicles, that is the only way to avoid having ATVs, dirt bike and other motorized vehicles ruining the land. Why not open the place to horses and hikers close it to hunters and motorized vehicles? "Sales of ATVs are booming", Ms.Dufourd says. That's another good reason to protect this land from them. I moved here two years ago from the Willamette Valley to have more room to ride my horses. I was appalled to see all the trash, litter, damage from vehicles, target shooters and people just riding fast down trails on dirt bikes. This isn't allowed in many places in the US--seems to be worse here than anywhere else I've lived. I live near dirt bikers/ATVers and they have a lousy attitude. They dump their trash everywhere, ride on closed, private property and generally have no respect for anyone else. Even if they did, their vehicles cause damage. Also, I can't ride on any public lands right now because of all the hunters out there. I don't want to depend on someone seeing my orange vest to not kill me or my horse. Why not have an area just for us--sales of horses is booming--and we tend to appreciate the scenery more and trash the place less. Hikers, campers, horses--we don't ruin the place for other people to use it, unlike motorized vehicles who use the place and make it so others can't.

Why don't ATVs ride on their own property? Because they don't want to ruin it and because neighbors don't tolerate the noise well. Doesn't this tell them something? What gives them the right to destroy the land for others and for the animals who have to live there just for their entertainment?

There is a real backwards mentality in this tri county area regarding the land. People tend to see it as theirs to trash as they please and to hell with what anyone says--"Nobody can tell me what I can and can't do..." Two hundred years ago when the population was sparse out here maybe they needed this attitude to survive. Now that we're crowded, this attitude needs to include some thought for what they're doing to the land because there isn't as much of it to lay waste to, and then move on. They need to grow up and get educated and join the rest of the world on this issue. Please make a stand and do the right thing. It's the motorized group who needs to do the changing.

Thanks, Katie Terrel

#060



"Rod White"
<ROD_SHAYE@people
pc.com>

To: <Upper_Deschutes_RMP@or.blm.gov>
cc:
Subject: Badlands are Goodlands Opinion:

10/20/03 04:43 PM

Dear BLM Professionals-

The Badlands are Goodland's.

Please do all you can to preserve the integrity of how they affect our natural senses: **sight, sound, smell** and **texture**.

I think that if you use criteria such as these, it becomes more apparent that the ATV, off-road, recreation (wreck-creation) enthusiasts really are better off in the long run by not being able to disrupt the pristine environments that they seem to prefer, only to foul the nest and then after it's lost it's natural esthetic beauty, look for someplace else that is more exciting/untouched and esthetically appealing.

Please, **CLOSE THE ROADS/AREA**, for the benefit of the Goodland's .

Your humble taxpayer and friend,

Rodney White
2973 Alpine Peaks Place
Bend, Oregon ("Gods Country")
541-317-4984

#061



"Molly & Kevin Grove"
<grove@bendnet.com>

10/20/03 08:13 PM

To: <upper_deschutes_rmp@or.blm.gov>
cc:
Subject: Badlands

We are writing to support the proposed closing of the Badlands to motor vehicles.

Motor vehicles are destructive to the fragile desert ecosystem and the wildlife. Additionally, the trash dumping, graffiti, tree-cutting, and other recklessness could be eliminated by curbing access to the masses of people. People that have to 'work' harder to access the land generally take better care of it.

There is so much land open to motor vehicle use east of Bend that this small, pristine area should be protected. Hikers do not like to hike in areas where they can be plowed over by stinky, loud, fast moving vehicles. We would not mind if the Badlands were left open to mountain bikes, as their impacts are fairly minimal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Molly and Kevin Grove
312-4207
Bend, Oregon

#062



"mary webster"
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To: upper_deschutes_rmp@or.blm.gov
cc:
Subject: Badlands Wilderness - YES!

12/07/03 08:57 PM

PLEASE consider protecting the badlands as a wilderness area. It is such a precious escape from the noise and bustle of the city. My husband and I like to walk in silence out there bird and other wildlife watching and taking photographs. There are many like-minded people who like to escape to unusual beauty and silence.

Thank you for your consideration,
Mary and Randy Webster

Shop online for kids' toys by age group, price range, and toy category at MSN Shopping. No waiting for a clerk to help you!

#063

Mike Williams 10/21/03 01:41 PM	To: m4willia@or.blm.gov@BLM cc: Subject: Fw: badlands closure
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Mike Williams
Writer/Editor
Bureau of Land
Management,
Prineville District

---- Forwarded by Mike Williams/PRFO/OR/BLM/DOI on 10/21/03 01:41 PM ----

I am writing about a possible closure of the badlands east of Bend. I am a quad rider who has property in Post, Or. We love to ride these areas and would be devastated by the closure of these lands. Please reconsider your actions and think of all of us law abiding citizens who love the area and would be heart broken to see it close.

Jessica Blume

1432 W Broadway, Eugene OR 97402

541-685-9289

Cheer a special someone with a fun Halloween eCard from American Greetings!

#064

Comment Form

For public input on the Draft Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

Today's Date: 12/5/03

Your name (please print): [Redacted]

Representing (put an X in one box only):

self only, or

business, organization, or agency (list): _____

Street Address, State, and ZIP: [Redacted] Bend, OR 97702

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Important Privacy Notice: All written comments, including names and street addresses, will be available for public review upon request, and may be published by the BLM during the planning process. However, as an individual you can ask us to withhold your name and address. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. If you checked "self only" above, and would like us to withhold your name, put an X in this box:

Comments:

Please use your preferred ^{alternative} solution as the solution.
I compliment BLM/Prineville on this effort.

Please withhold my name and address from ^{use} by anyone other than BLM Prineville office.
Thanks

[Redacted Signature]

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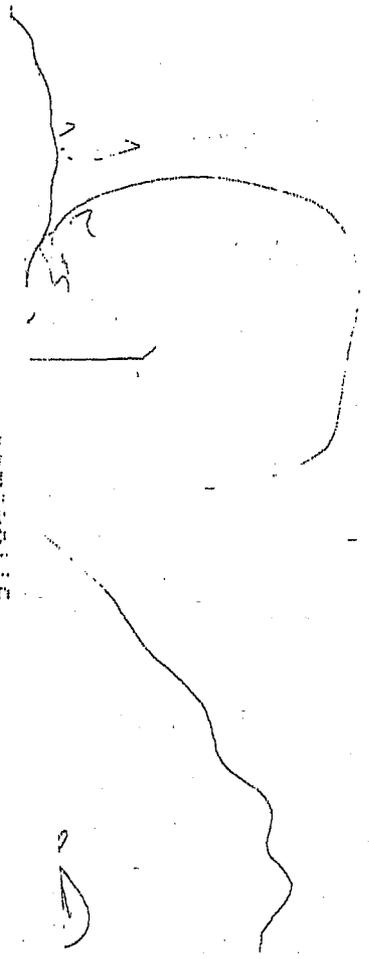
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For public input on the Draft Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

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BLM PRINEVILLE DISTRICT

Today's Date: 11/08/03

Your name (please print): Karen Daniels

Representing (put an X in one box only):

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Phone: 330-0302 E-mail: karendecanet.com

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Comments:

I applaud your efforts to protect this unique ecosystem. I unequivocally support banning ALL motorized vehicles from this area. Exceptions should NOT be made for dirt bikes and all terrain vehicles.

Thank you,
Karen Daniels

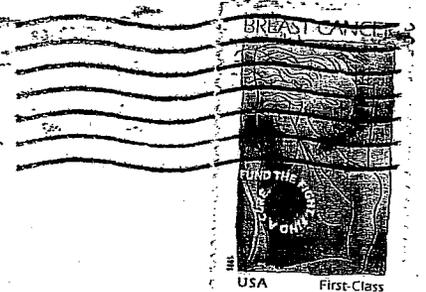
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 Mr Dan McMahan
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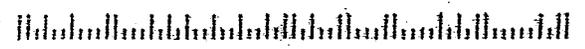
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Prineville BLM
 Draft WDRMP
 3050 NE 3rd St
 Prineville, OR 97754

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December 6, 2003

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3050 N.E. Third St.
Prineville, OR 97754

To the BLM:

OHV use must not be allowed in the Badlands. This special place has a delicate ecosystem that should be protected by wilderness designation. Motorized vehicle use will continue to be accompanied by illegal looting and dumping. As the Bend area continues to grow, there is very little space left for wildlife and motorized vehicle use threatens this wildlife and can kill or drive the animals away. Campers and hikers seek a wilderness experience and this can only happen where there is peace and solitude. Motorized vehicles should be banned from the Badlands and I urge wilderness designation for this special place.

Sincerely,



Leslie O'Meara

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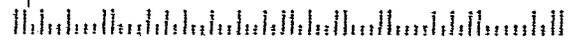
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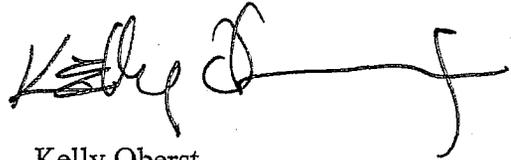
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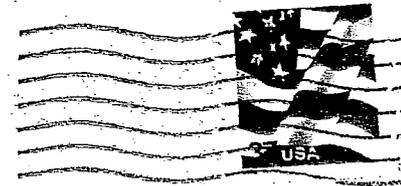
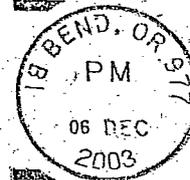
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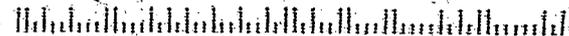
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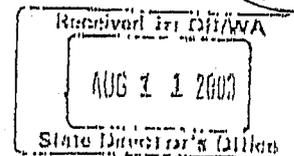


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#068



August 6, 2003

Elaine M. Brong
State Director
BLM-State Director
P.O. Box 2965
Portland, OR 97208

Re: Central Oregon Lands

Dear Elaine:

I am writing to express my concern about the lack of public lands available for community expansion.

As a sitting member of the "Land Owners" issue team, I felt we had built a consensus, not only among our own group, but, also among the other issue teams. When the teams were consolidated, and the remaining members joined, the community expansion needs were virtually eliminated; this, I feel, should be reviewed, with a substantial reinstatement of the land zoned Z-3 and designated "community expansion."

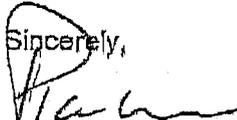
The area most affected is located south of the Redmond Airport and Deschutes County Fairgrounds, and east of Hwy 97; presently, approximately 6000 acres are designated "community expansion lands." This area (T15S-R13E) is being reduced to approximately 559 acres, of which 318 is being earmarked for "Fairground expansion," the remaining acreage is being recommended for Z-1 designation (highest priority for "retention."). This property, currently managed by BLM, was used by the military, which, recently removed approximately sixty tons of garbage during its annual exercises.

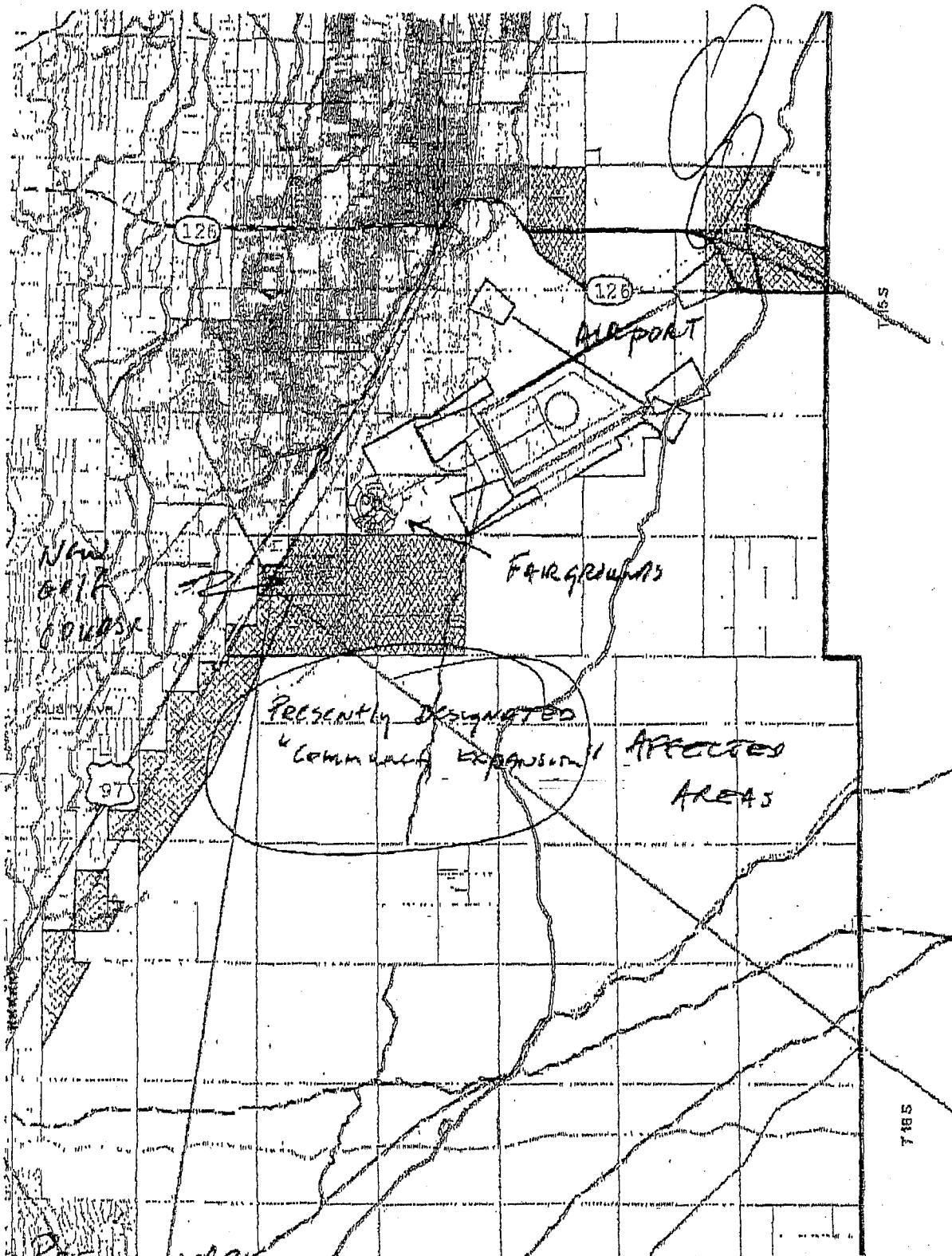
This area, presently housing "class-7" soils, would be a valuable resource for the City of Redmond as it looks to viable alternatives in evaluating the expansion of its urban boundaries; alternatives, including expansion into irrigated farmlands, and other less desirable areas.

In closing, the leaders of the process did an excellent job in bringing us to this point, however, I would urge you to consider leaving a larger area available for disposal under the Z-3 "Community Expansion," classification (please see "Addendum A," attached).

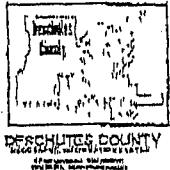
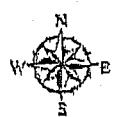
Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,


John Pewther
Redmond, OR



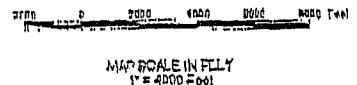
PRELIMINARY
Redmond Area
Community
Expansion Needs



MAP LEGEND

	County Boundary
	Community Expansion
	Road Alignment A
	Road Alignment B
	Road Alignment C
	Utility
	Pipeline
	Historic "Loop" County Road
	Viewline County Line
	Easement
	Right-of-Way
	Property Boundary
	Boundary with Zone 200
	Future Highway E. Johnson
	Pipeline
	Utility

Map Date: February 10, 2004
 Last Updated: February 10, 2004



MAP SCALE IN FEET
 1" = 4000' = 001

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To: BLM
Draft UDRMP
3050 NE Third Street
Prineville, Oregon 97754

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BLM PRINEVILLE
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Project Director,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposed plans for the Badlands area. Enclosed is a copy of a letter I wrote which was published in the Bulletin 30 June 2003. This letter expresses my viewpoint on the Badlands.

An ever-growing population in Central Oregon brings with it an increasing need for solitude in the form of experiencing nature as it exists – an opportunity to understand the balance between man and nature – and an opportunity to relieve the pressures of our everyday life.

The noisy, ground disturbing, and sometimes environmentally destructive, nature of off road driving is incompatible with solitude. Those who enjoy off road activities would be ahead to put their energies into working with the BLM to improve their many opportunities in the East Fort Rock and Millican Valley OHV trail system rather than pursuing their “don’t yield an inch” philosophy.

The leadership of the local OHV organization has stated they do not condone irresponsible and destructive OHV activities suggesting there is a basis for an agreement to structure the OHV trail systems in East Fort Rock and Millican Valley in a manner that considers the need of wild animals yet retains the interest and challenges that are special to the OHV people. This is an opportunity for the leadership to demonstrate a responsible and fair-minded approach to meeting the needs of their membership.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon K. Baker

Gordon K. Baker
60773 Willow Creek Court
Bend, Oregon, 97702
E-mail: gbaker@bendcable.com

My Nickel's Worth

Pedestrian perspective

Many thanks to all of the motorists who honor the rights of pedestrians each and every day. As a walker, I am grateful for your kindness and consideration. I wish that I could tell you that all motorists and bicyclists are considerate and respectful of walkers' rights to a safe walk, but unfortunately, that isn't true. Each time I walk, I am at risk of being injured, and today was no exception. As I entered crosswalks today, cars sped by me, a driver on a cell phone turned in front of me, and a bicyclist made me jump out of the way.

Unfortunately, this happens each and every day that I walk. All I ask is that people in or on moving vehicles respect my legal rights as a pedestrian and allow me to cross safely. I will wave my sincere thank you to you as I cross safely.

Donna Bates
Bend

Badlands for the soul

Every human being needs spiritual renewal for their psychological well being. Only three things do this — religion, the arts, and nature. Many trails exist in the Cascades and along the rivers in Central Oregon providing opportunity to appreciate and interact with nature. We also need the same opportunities in the High Desert.

Within a short distance from Bend, Redmond and Prineville lies the 37,000 acres of the Badlands. This area provides year round access to an ancient Juniper forest, meadows with desert vegetation, interesting geological landscaping, associated wildlife, and vestiges of Native American activities. To enjoy a meaningful interaction with nature in the Badlands requires a passive environment. Providing a passive environment requires a wilderness designation. This has significant local support.

I realize that a wilderness designation would disallow motorized activities. Those who favor passive recreation and those favoring OHV recreation both agree that the two activities are incompatible. It is my understanding that the vast majority of OHV ac-

tivists prefer the superior opportunities that the 643 miles of OHV trail system available in the 199,464 acres of the East Fort Rock and Millican Valley areas. If so, few would miss the Badlands OHV opportunities and many would enjoy the passive opportunities.

We now need the support of our two senators and our congressman to obtain the needed wilderness designation.

Gordon Baker
Bend

Don't blame greens

In a June 14 opinion piece ("To Help Environment, Make Decisions Out of Judges' Hands"), Ed Sink proposes that environmentalists who favor the survival of particular species be called "preservationists." What term, I wonder, would he choose to identify environmentalists who do not support the spotted owl, the snowy plover or the ecosystems needed for their survival?

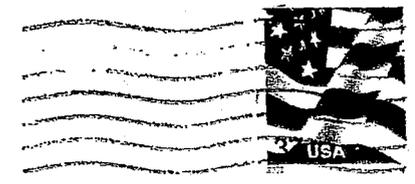
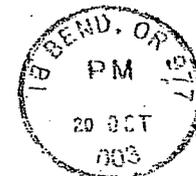
Sink falsely asserts that science is distorted by environmental interests. Environmental advocacy groups lack the funding to support research, and rely instead on independent academic or government-funded studies. If findings from such studies contravene Sink's notion of an ideal world, then instead of blaming environmentalists he might more accurately target the rapacious private corporations whose poor resource stewardship so often forces Americans to choose between species and jobs. Future generations undoubtedly will judge us with the same eye that we examine our ancestors, whom we admire for their foresight. In 1816 Thomas Jefferson wrote, "I hope we shall crush in its birth the aristocracy of our moneyed corporations which dare already to challenge our government to a trial of strength and bid defiance to the laws of our country."

As George Bush donates America's natural resources to his wealthy corporate patrons via policies such as the Healthy Forests Initiative, Sink's desire to ignore judges and rewrite environmental laws is both shortsighted and chilling.

Matt Orr
Bend

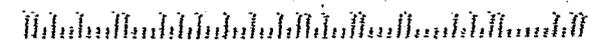
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Prineville BLM, Draft UDRMP
3050 NE Third Street
Prineville, OR 97754

I am writing to express my encouragement for BLM to ban all motorized vehicles from the 34000 acres expanse of the Badlands area, southeast of Bend.

This area is a gem & so near to the population centre of Bend, which is both a blessing & a curse.

Vehicle prohibition from an additional 23 miles of roads in the Badlands area is the best action for BLM to take, in order to protect this fragile high desert landscape. Minimizing atrocious human activities, is the focus BLM must take to protect the Badlands. With the recent vandalizing of this area, continuing to allow motorized traffic is the wrong approach. Make no mistake, hikers seeking a quiet respite from the "maddening crowd" do not have the same detrimental impact as the motorized public. The motorized public is not exempt from the area. There is other access, which is separate from the pedestrian traffic, as ideally, it should be.

I encourage BLM to ban motorized vehicles from an additional 23 miles of roads in the Badlands. Yes, it is exclusive & the fragile environment of this gem deserves this exclusivity. Make it so.

Thanks for your consideration to this most important issue.

Most sincerely,

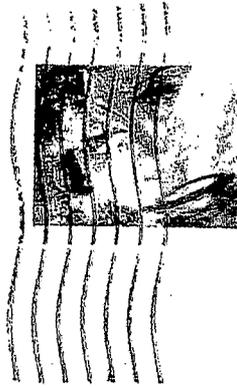
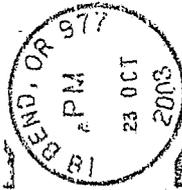


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#071

BLM
Mollie Chaudet, UDRMP Project Manager
Prineville District Office
3050 NE 3rd Street
Prineville, Oregon 97754

Please do not disclose our name or address as per the
Freedom of Information Act.

This is to comment on the Upper Deschutes RMP proposal in favor of Alternate 7. It seems to us that the closure of some BLM land to motorized vehicles is the proper thing to do. We live adjacent to some BLM land and have noticed that there is a Great Gray Owl that lives in our area, which is in the south section of Prineville Lake Acres II.

With the closing of the BLM access roads here, it will keep the land from being pulverized and the animals from being harassed as we also have mule deer, elk and antelope that use this stretch of land to get to the river down below. They will also lay on the hillside to utilize the sunlight for warmth. We have noticed that the Sagebrush Mariposa Lily grows in this area also. These are all items need to be protected.

The closures should also help discourage the illegal dumping that goes on in the area. Irresponsible shooting is getting to be a problem as now there are times when we here automatic (30- round) rifles being fired in the vicinity of the rimrock.

We hope that these comments will help move us nearer the right solution as we see them laid out in Alternate #7.

Thanks,

Prineville, Oregon

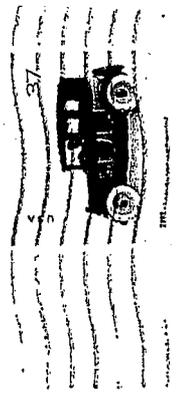
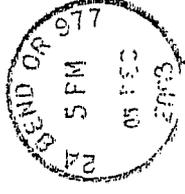
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Mollie Chaulet, WRAP Project Manager
Prineville District Office
3050 N.E. 3rd St.
Prineville, Or. 97754



#072

Dear Mollie,

I am writing to encourage the BLM to make the North unit canal a trail from Bend to Smith rock. I think it is an incredible opportunity to create an off road experience on the East side of Bend and into Redmond. I see it being used for commuting as well as for recreation. It has been shown in other cities that off road trails increase the quality of life for the residents and visitors so please don't miss this incredible chance to make a big difference in Central Oregon.

Sincerely,
Carol Delmonico
Bend, Oregon



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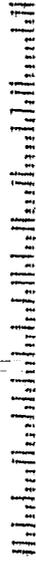
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BLM
Mollie Chaudet, UDRMP project manager
3050 NE 3rd St
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#073



"David Akin"
<sandman@pcez.com>

12/10/03 08:03 AM

To: <upper_deschutes_RMP@or.blm.gov>
cc:
Subject: Information

Hello, my name is David Akin, I am a native of Bend , but now live in Portland. My family and I enjoy returning to (our) home to play. We enjoy the motorcycle and ATV ridding spots. It sadden me to find on our last trip that the caves had been hidden. I was told that people (local) were using them as dump sites. This is sad indeed! Now I hear that there will be some more area closures, due to dumping, and related trash problems. Please reconsider this action! Please understand my feelings about this. I am 47, and used to ride freely the open areas of my heritage, my family came before the oregon trail, this is my home! The desert was a place no one cared about, except those of us who enjoyed its open invite. Time and progress has You Good People Managing my home for the good of ALL. Please let those of us that respect. and make proper use of our area, know how we may HELP. And keep my home open! Thank You David Akin, 7940 SW Alameda LN Beaverton Or 97007. 503-641-4334.

#074



"Karl Koenig/Jo Ann
Weber-Koenig"
<grantsexpress@earthli
nk.net>

To: <upper_deschutes_rmp@or.blm.gov>
cc:
Subject: Badlands

12/12/2003 07:37 AM

I moved to Bend three years ago and visit the Badlands area each winter. We have lots of land devoted to hiking in the mountains but few areas in the desert. Since Bend popularity comes from being sunny, and the desert provides that climate that we all enjoy, we should do more to protect that valuable land and provide the public with a unique opportunity to experience this land as it was before we arrived. Please support the removal of vehicles from this fragile area and protect the desert from further ruin.

#075



EricnCal@aol.com
12/17/2003 02:42 PM

To: upper_deschutes_RMP@or.blm.gov
cc:
Subject: Please Help Keep Our Public Land Open to the Public

BLM FORM LETTER
Bureau of Land Management
ATT: Teal Purrington
3050 NE 3rd St.
Prineville, Oregon 97754

RE: Upper Deschutes Resource Management Draft

As a concerned citizen and recreationist I would like to be on record as supportive of motorized recreation on BLM lands in Central Oregon.

The preferred alternative BLM is proposing does not adequately reflect how an interim policy will be implemented. This interim policy greatly affects our sport and the users as there are no assurances BLM will ever have the resources to put together a designated trail system in the areas proposed.

The aggressive vegetation management in Alt. 7 of the Juniper woodlands will negatively impact a proposed trail system.

We do not support the closure of the Badlands and feel that providing no motorized opportunities at Prineville Reservoir and the Lapine area is a mistake. There is use occurring in those areas currently, where will that use go? Especially for the Lapine and Prineville residents.

Our use is increasing approximately 20% annually with sales of OHV equipment listed at \$18 billion annually - the increasing use is not reflected in the severe limitations to OHV use on BLM land.

Please adopt a more flexible road trail density to allow for the best use of the land and for a designated trail system that will succeed. By micromanaging your areas and attempting to put trails out for several different uses in the same areas we feel the management will fail and ultimately our use will suffer further restrictions.

Eric Anderson
4045 Austin St.
Klamath Falls, OR. 97603
(541) 331-6708

#076



"glenn smith"
<gsforestry@w-link.net>

To: "Deschutes RMP" <upper_deschutes_RMP@or.blm.gov>
cc:
Subject: comments on alternatives

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12/19/2003 01:44 PM

All of the existing alternatives disproportionately reduce the mixed use and shared facilities. What users are going to be excluded from which facilities/ areas? All motorized uses? Will there be areas of motorized recreation emphasis, exclusive use? All alternatives have eliminated 153,000 Acres of open use for motorized vehicles, do you have documented damage for all these areas/ acres, and are you telling us that no area exists for this type of use, even though it has been occurring for several decades? Also, can you please explain the need and documented damage that has led to the need to list an additional 15-85 thousand Acres of closed areas. Would you also please explain which areas have been investigated for damage from non-motorized uses, and which areas will be closed to that form of recreation.

The treatment of fuels management under all alternatives is inadequate to prevent or control any wildfires.

The treatment levels do not even equate to one tenth of a percent of the entire land base. While the treated areas may emphasize preservation of structures and property, it does nothing to address the preservation of existing landscapes, ecosystems, or wildlife habitat. The alternatives need to increase the areas treated and emphasize the preservation of existing landscapes.

Glenn Smith
885 Valentine Ave SE
Pacific, WA 98047

#077



"Clay Walker"
<HorseRidge@starband.net>

To: <upper_deschutes_RMP@or.blm.gov>
cc:
Subject: Draft UDRMP

12/20/2003 03:18 PM

I cant believe you people have put this much time and energy (my tax money) into this. Cant you just let it be, Quit concentrating people in to an area I.e. badlands, o.v.h. trails, and forget about that stupid sage grouse its not smart enough to live,let it die,

This land has historically been used for cattle grazing at least since George and Walter Millican settled here over a hundred and twenty five years ago, why change it now?

Go spend my tax money somewhere it will do some good. example Vale district, Chukar park, twin spring campgrounds, go fix some roads! do something constructive with my tax money.

Clay Walker
Millican Oregon



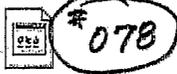
"Jim Peterson"
<ginjim@bendcable.com>

12/20/2003 10:04 AM

To: <upper_deschutes_rmp@or.blm.gov>
cc:
Subject: Management Plan

To: BLM, Prineville, OR

Letter attached.



Jim Peterson BLM file.doc

#078

Bureau of Land Management
Attn Teal Purrington
3050 NE 3d.
Prineville, OR 97754

I am concerned about some aspects of the Upper Deschutes Resource Draft Management plan. It is exclusionary to many people who use the public lands and reserves for themselves what this very vocal minority wants.

Is it because these groups object to noise, dust, or hunting and seek to curb it?

There is a long and traditional history of use for many groups to just be out there.

It should be possible for user groups such as off road atv's and motorcycles to have well managed and accessible designated areas for their use. I am sure you have been made aware of those areas of concern, such as the Millican area and the proposal to close access to the lands around La Pine-- and many others.

Wildlife is most vulnerable during winter and the lean times just as springtime and its renewal are just beginning. There are closures in our public lands in some of these areas and that is an appropriate way to protect wildlife. Closing all of the BLM to access is overkill.

Please do not allow a small but vocal and well financed minority to impose their wishes on everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Peterson
240 SE 15th St
Bend, OR 97702
(541) 382-8805



"Rob Russell"
<Rob@RobRussellinfo.
com>

12/03/03 09:44 AM

To: <upper_deschutes_RMP@or.blm.gov>
cc:
Subject: Good Looking Website

#079

Just wanted to let you know that I'm an avid motorcycle rider and enjoy the bend area for ridding.

I feel that we can all share the area with proper management, and sharing the fees involved.

Keep up the good work and look forward to ridding in that area for many more years to come.

Rob Russell
Nationally recognized Auto Repair
Business and Marketing Expert,
Founder of Accurate Auto.

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leverage their 3 most valuable assets to
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Or respond to this e-mail with: sign me up!

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty,
or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays
young. The greatest thing in life is to
keep your mind young!"

Henry Ford

Phone Conversation Notes:

(Gary Currie)

#080

Who Called: Gary Sprung (International Mountain Bike Association, P.O. Box 7578, Boulder, Colorado, 80306)

Date: 11-22-03

Gary called re. the UDRMP. He wanted a basic description of the issues and was wondering if he should put out an action alert from IMBA.

I gave Gary a brief description of the planning issues, lack of direction for non-motorized trails in the B/LP plan, lack of trails, growth rate, winter range, sage grouse, etc.

I told Gary that many of our comments relate to separated use between horses and mtn. bikers. He asked if this desire was coming from equestrians. I told him no, it was coming from mtn. bikers. He said some specific trail design and maintenance practices may resolve these problems. He wanted to make sure mtn. bike use was not being singled out as more impacting than other non-motorized uses. I told him that wasn't the case in this plan, that the preferred alt. opens north millican back up to mtn. bike use, and that the wildlife restrictions don't really apply to non-motorized use (he really didn't think that was necessarily an appropriate distinction, but it made him more at ease).

I told Gary one of the major comments we've gotten is that it takes us forever to get anything done. He said he understands the BLM's dilemma. There was some discussion about the need to get to at least some designated trails, otherwise we really can't start any partnership with local mtn. bike groups.

I told Gary I would send him a copy of the plan (this was put in the outgoing box Monday, November 24, 2003).

Gary wants to be put on the mailing list.

Dear Sirs;

I support the closing of the Badland
Wilderness to OHVs. I walk in the area
and enjoy the quiet & beauty. I thank you
for your good work.

Sincerely

James M. Bylund

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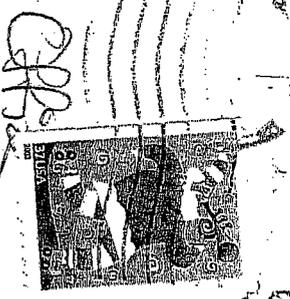
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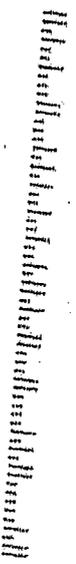
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We do not support the closure of the Badlands and feel that providing no motorized opportunities at Prineville Reservoir and the Lapine area is a mistake. There is use occurring in those areas currently, where will that use go? Especially for the Lapine and Prineville residents.

Our use is increasing approximately 20% annually with sales of OHV equipment listed at \$18 billion annually – the increasing use is not reflected in the severe limitations to OHV use on BLM land.

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Signed Kenny Payne

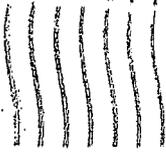


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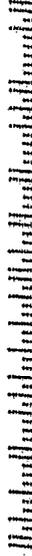
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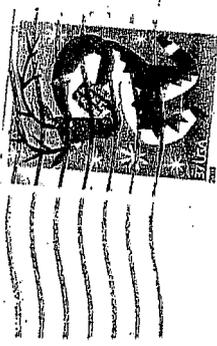
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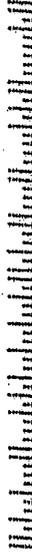
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RE: Upper Deschutes Resource Management Draft.
Public Comment Process

As a concerned Central Oregon resident I would like to be on record as supportive of 'Current Range Vegetation Management'. The preferred alternative B.L.M. is proposing utilizes a newly formulated technique called 'Historic Range'. I support 'Current Range' over 'Historic Range' for several reasons.

1. Current range is the B.L.M.'s present method of vegetation management.
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 - b. Current range isn't restricted like historic range to a concept of trying to recreate the uncertainties of the past.
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 - f. Current range has the best chance of creating a healthy and diversified ecosystem that prioritizes our current needs and vegetative concerns.
 - g. The B. L. M.. is managing public lands within a federally designated reclamation project area. The land within this reclamation area is mostly privately owned. This project area is meant for human development and occupancy. That is another key reason I support current range, it accommodates people and their actions the best. It works better under change, the types of changes that will occur now and in the future.

2. Historic range vegetation management is a new and uncertain concept I do not support.
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 - d. Those greater expenses cannot be justified by results that are unclear and uncertain.
 - e. Historic range reduces public access, has built-in conflicts with multiple use, and de-emphasizes agricultural use.

Please amend the preferred alternative to support;

'Current Range Vegetation Management'.

Print name:

David Byrd

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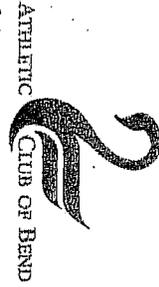
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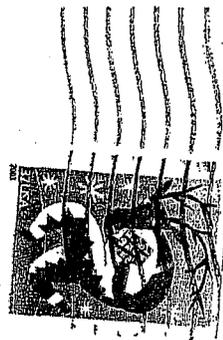
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Please amend the preferred alternative to support:

'Current Range Vegetation Management'

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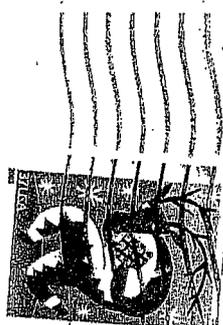
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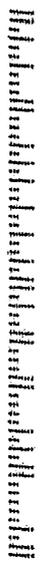
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SUBJECT: OHV Access to Public Lands

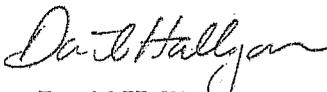
I have visited the Oregon high desert on many occasions, and I have family that has lived in Central Oregon since 1924. I often go hiking in areas considered by the Management Plan, and the management of these lands is of personal interest to me. I have reviewed the Draft UDRMP, and I have the following comments for your consideration.

The draft UDRMP is a step in the right direction with regard to OHV use on public lands. However, the UDRMP fails to truly address the impact of OHV access and travel on public lands in that only about one-fifth of the area under consideration is actually closed to such use.

OHV use irreversibly degrades the land, erodes the soil, damages and destroys plant life, disturbs, stresses, and kills wildlife. In addition, as recognized in the plan, OHV use is incompatible with all other recreational uses of the land, including hiking, horseback riding and biking. However, the BLM proposes to sacrifice four-fifths of the area under consideration to OHV activities.

In conclusion, the area to be closed to OHV use should be vastly expanded from the approximately 20% proposed. In consideration of the negative effects of OHV travel on public lands, the use of OHV's in public lands should be highly restricted by the BLM.

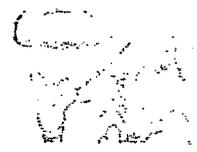
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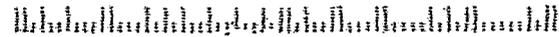
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(William Halliday)

To: ~~Upper Deschutes RMP@or.blm.gov~~

Cc: bnawrh@webtv.net

Subject: Upper Deschutes RMP and EIS

I have reviewed the three volumes in this report with the following conclusions:

- 1) A major omission is evident in Appendix B which should be corrected, namely omission of the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act. This Act is cited frequently in the text and should be included in this list of major legal authorities with which BLM compliance is required.
- 2) Major inconsistencies are present between the list of Significant Caves in the study area (page 15, showing Horse Butte Indian Cave, Pictograph Cave and Redmond Cave currently designated as significant) and some of the alternatives for Pictograph Cave which would result in unlawful damage to this cave.

For example, the alternatives on pages 111, 157 and others would permit unlawful damage by installation of climbing bolts in parts of this Significant cave. While these are not the currently preferred alternatives, such unlawful provisions must be stricken from all alternatives.

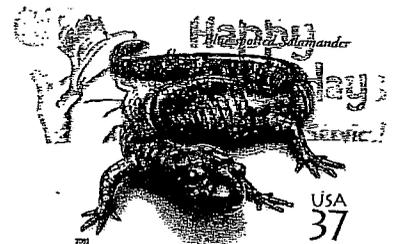
3 No time frame is designated for the decision process for additional caves nominated for significant cave status (page 15). Federal bureaucracies being what they are, a realistic time frame should be specified.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. William R. Halliday
Past Chairman, Cascade Grotto of the
National Speleological Society



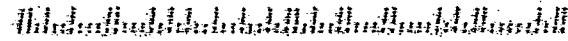
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December 16, 2003

Mr. Robert Towne
Deschutes Field Manager - Prineville
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Re: Draft Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan

Dear Mr. Towne:

Please consider these comments on the above-referenced management plan and the environmental impact statement accompanying the plan.

The alternative proposals regarding military uses in the vicinity of the Redmond Urban Area are an extremely important issue for the future of the Redmond community. In that light, I strongly recommend that alternative No. 3 or a modified alternative No. 7 be implemented. It is very important that the military use area from the southeastern edge of the fairground south to the Pronghorn Development and then west to the Burlington Northern railroad tracks be removed from the military use area. This should be an area for future community expansion. This expansion might encompass some building development but would also include the planning and construction of new roads to service the Redmond area and to connect Redmond to the Pronghorn Development and to the Powell Butte Highway (and the new Jeld Wen Resort in that area).

I have also reviewed the transportation alternatives. The recommendations in the plan are unacceptable. These plans are too conservative. They must include at the very least a recognition that there could be a future extension of Highway 97 through the urban area and coming out of the urban area somewhere between the fairgrounds and the airport. It would not surprise me that the plans for this development could occur within the next ten years. There would also have to be an extension from that point south and west to a proposed Quarry Avenue interchange.

I also think it is extremely important that the transportation alternatives include a secondary route from the Redmond Urban Area (19th Street) to the Pronghorn Development and to the Powell Butte Highway. Connectivity between Redmond Urban Area and particularly the Redmond

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Airport to Pronghorn and the new destination resort planned by Eagle Crest in the Powell Butte area will be extremely important. This is a critical issue not only for the transportation issues but also for the economic development of the Redmond Urban Area. Connectivity here will also result in considerable energy savings so that the route from Highway 97 to the Powell Butte Highway would be shortened considerably.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Edward P. Fitch

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Subject: Draft Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for sending us a copy of the Executive Summary of the above named document. Our comments are based on our review of this and only this document. Our interests focus on our future management of the Oregon Outback National Scenic Byway (OONSB).

The Byway follows State Highway 31 from its junction with State Highway 97 just south of La Pine, going south to the California state line at Goose Lake State Park. As such, our management plan from the Scenic Byway recognizes a special management corridor that runs on both sides of State Highway 31 through the Bureau's managed lands in Deschutes, Klamath, and Lake Counties. The OONSB is a national designation under a partnership between Federal and State governments, with Oregon counties participating as they choose. Although the program is not a preservation program, we feel the designation deserves special management consideration for visitors' visual anticipation as to viewing pleasant foreground along Highways 31 and 97.

The Lake County Chamber of Commerce has taken the lead in the management of the Byway as an economic betterment to all the communities along the designation. The Chamber currently has an interpretive plan, prepared by Sea Reach Ltd, under a contract with Oregon Department of Transportation. This plan calls for various interpretive exhibits and a major gateway information signage at the junction of Highways 31 and 97. The gateway kiosk has been put on hold due to safety concerns

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until ODOT funding allows for reconstruction of the junction to allow for a visitors pull off. The lands adjoining and contiguous to both Highways 31 and 97 are important to the future management of the Byway.

We hope that you would join us as a partner in design and management decisions related to the gateway to Oregon's Outback and for the lands you manage for the public that are in association with the Byway.

Following are our comments on your draft that relate to the Outback Scenic Byway:

1. We found no recognition of the fact that the Byway exists and recommend the BLM reflect this national designation and federal/state program.
2. We recommend that a scenic corridor be established along both Highway 97 and 31 that are contiguous to the Byway and suggest visual resource class I be put into place.
3. We recommend that the lands associated with the Byway be put into the retention in BLM management status.
4. We support the "Closed to Firearm Discharge unless legally hunting" for the Byway corridor along Highway 31.
5. We support the General area desirable for acquisition per alternative 7. We would support acquisition of the private lands within the Byway corridor, including the private lands one mile south long Highway 31.
6. We support alternative 6 or 7 that places a primary emphasis on wildlife management along Highway 31, that would enhance visitors wildlife viewing.
7. We would support only Visual Resource Management Class I for lands within the Byway corridor and do not support alternatives 2-7.
8. We are at a slight disadvantage in terminology between Recreation Emphasis and Travel Management. As the Byway is intended and marketed nationally as

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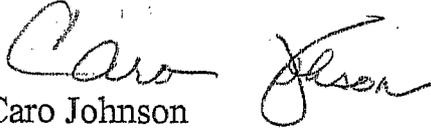
a major scenic experience for the American public, we would support that alternative which best recognizes Highway 31, as well as its junction with Highway 97, for motorized travel and open to such use, with support facilities as needed to support such use.

9. Under Transportation and Utilities we recommend adding the Byway to the list of designated right-of-way exclusion areas.
10. Under land ownership, we support your terminology that applies to private land parcels to be acquired as applicable to the Byway management corridor.

In closing, we are hopeful that the lands within the Byway management corridor and within view of visitors, fall with your zone I as suitable for long-term ownership.

We are sorry we were unable to attend on of your public meeting but would be able to visit with you to help clarify the above issues.

For your information Gretchen Burris, BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner in the Lakeview District, has been assisting us in the implementation of the Interpretive Plan.


Caro Johnson
Executive Director

cc: Robert Lund, Gretchen Burris, Larry Hills

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To: upper_deschutes_rmp@or.blm.gov
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Subject: Input for RMP

Please see attached Word document for letter formatting. Also pasted below if that is sufficient.

March 31, 2002

Dear Upper-Deschutes Management Plan Teams,

My land borders the Badlands. I have lived out in this area for 24 years and I love the wild beauty of the Badlands. Following is my input for the Management Plan in regards to the Badlands. Since this is where I live - this is what I know about and thus would like to keep my input only as regards the Badlands.

Transportation and Access/Recreation

I would like to see no motor vehicle access to the Badlands. I have seen numerous problems on the Badlands, from motor cyclists flagging and using trails cross country to ORVs going cross country to dumping to poaching junipers. The BLM does not have the manpower to enforce the wilderness study area regulations and it would be easier on both BLM employees and the land to close this area off to all motor vehicles. I think an alternative allowing any level of motor vehicle access would be impossible to enforce. Additional off road vehicle areas, such as the Millican area, set aside just for that purpose seems like the best solution to address off road vehicle needs.

Land Uses

I would hope that cattle grazing/permits would be better regulated. Again it seems that the BLM does not have the manpower or the fortitude to enforce grazing permit regulations. Overgrazing in a wilderness study area is a sad state of affairs. The cattle tear up the soil and spread noxious weeds. I have seen numerous grasses pulled out by the roots by cattle and just left. The overgrazing is compromising the ecosystem and destroying native habitat. The area around Red pond is trashed from overgrazing. Permittees are not required to keep perimeter fences in good working order thus cattle get out and roam around in non-permit areas and private land. If there were adequate BLM personnel overseeing the permit areas this should not happen. Thus, permits should only be allowed if there is not adequate personnel to oversee them and enforce permittee regulations.

Public Health and Safety

Numerous times guns have been fired close to our house. Sometimes we are afraid to be outside for fear of a stray bullet hitting one of us. People shooting their guns out in the Badlands has increased as the years go by. The last couple of years have been especially nasty with people shooting firearms during various times of the year - not just during hunting season. As more and more people move out to this area and build on land that borders the Badlands it seems that it would be wise to stop all firearm use before someone gets hurt or killed.

I hope that one area of the BLM land that is under consideration in the Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan will be set aside as roadless/no-motor-vehicle access and that that area is the Badlands. As Bend grows and the town moves outward it would be a wonderful gift to preserve this area for future generations. Thank-you for allowing me to contribute my point of view on these areas.

Sincerely,

Michele Penner
24195 Dodds Road



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Mrs. Mollie Chaudet,

In regards to try to get a no shooting zone off of a gas pipe-line that goes in on Highway 31. We have people shooting directly at our homes and I'm scared some-one will be killed. I talked to the natural energy and Gas Transmission (Robert S. Latimer) 548-9243. They have a sub-station there and are worried about it getting shot at too. This little section of right-of-way, you are either shooting across Hwy. 31, at our homes or the transmission sub-station. We would really like to get this in a no shooting zone. parts of section 27, 26, 35 & 34.

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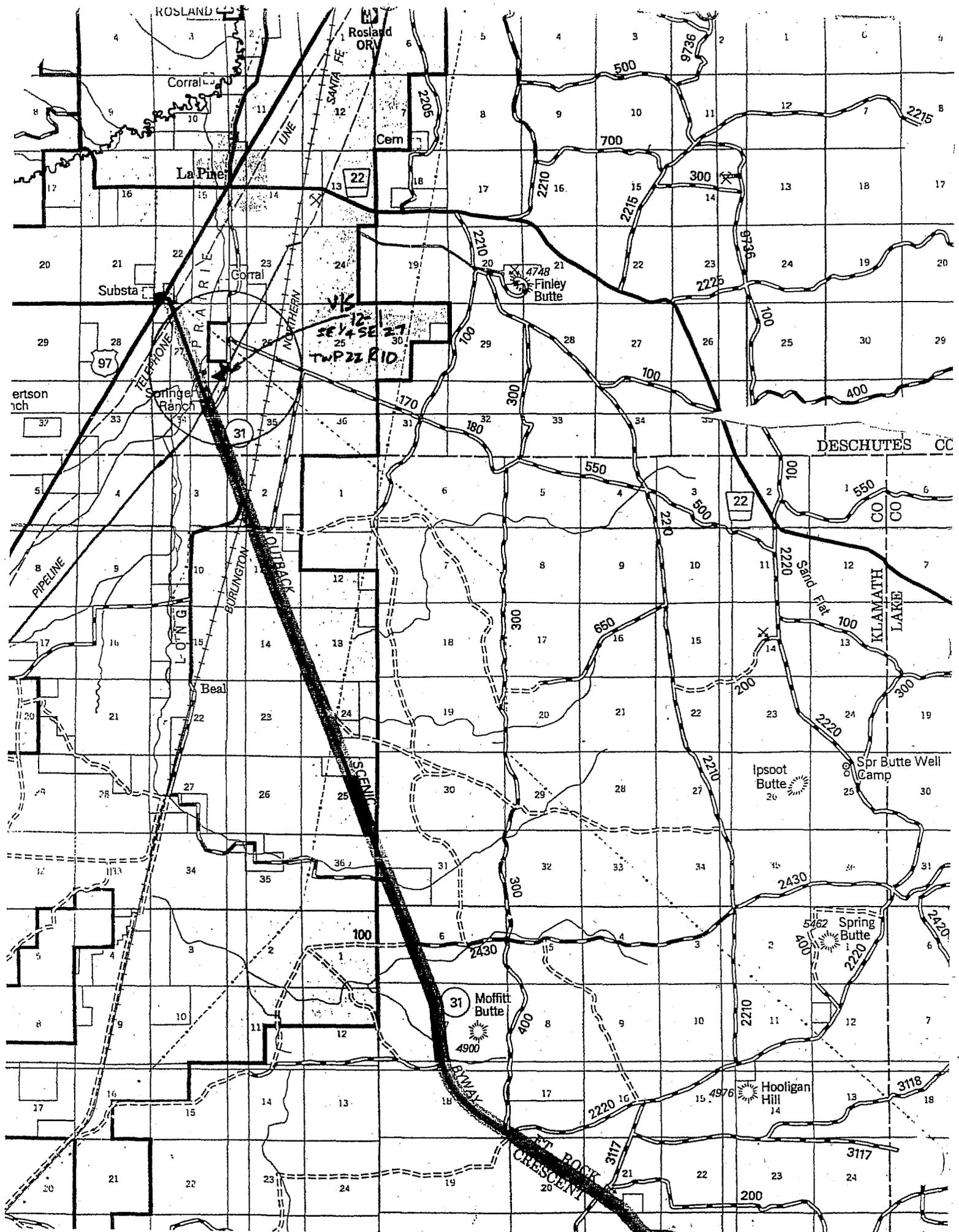
Thank you very much

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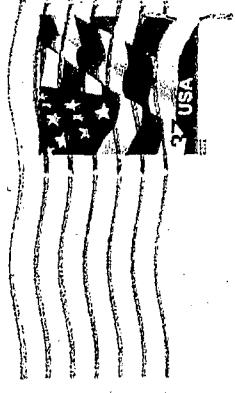
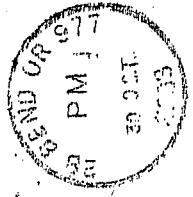
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Ms Mollie Chaudet
Bureau of Land management
3050 NE 3rd St.
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Dear Mrs. Mollie Chaudit,

We are writing this letter in regards to our request for a "no shooting zone" on a part of the pipeline that goes on Hwy. 31. We are having people shooting directly toward our homes. There are alot of deer around that area, and people don't realize that there is such danger for us, or they just don't care. We are outside alot, and we have grandchildren out playing, and it is creating a real safety hazard for us to even be outside our homes.

We talked to the natural energy and gas transmission. (Robert S. Latimer - 548-9243) They have a sub-station there and are concerned about it getting shot also. This small section of right-a-way, you are either shooting across Hwy. 31, at our homes or at the transmission sub-station.

We are requesting for this area a "no shooting zone," parts of section 27, 26, 35 + 34.

Property address

50550 Hwy. 31
La Pine, Or.
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Thank-you very much

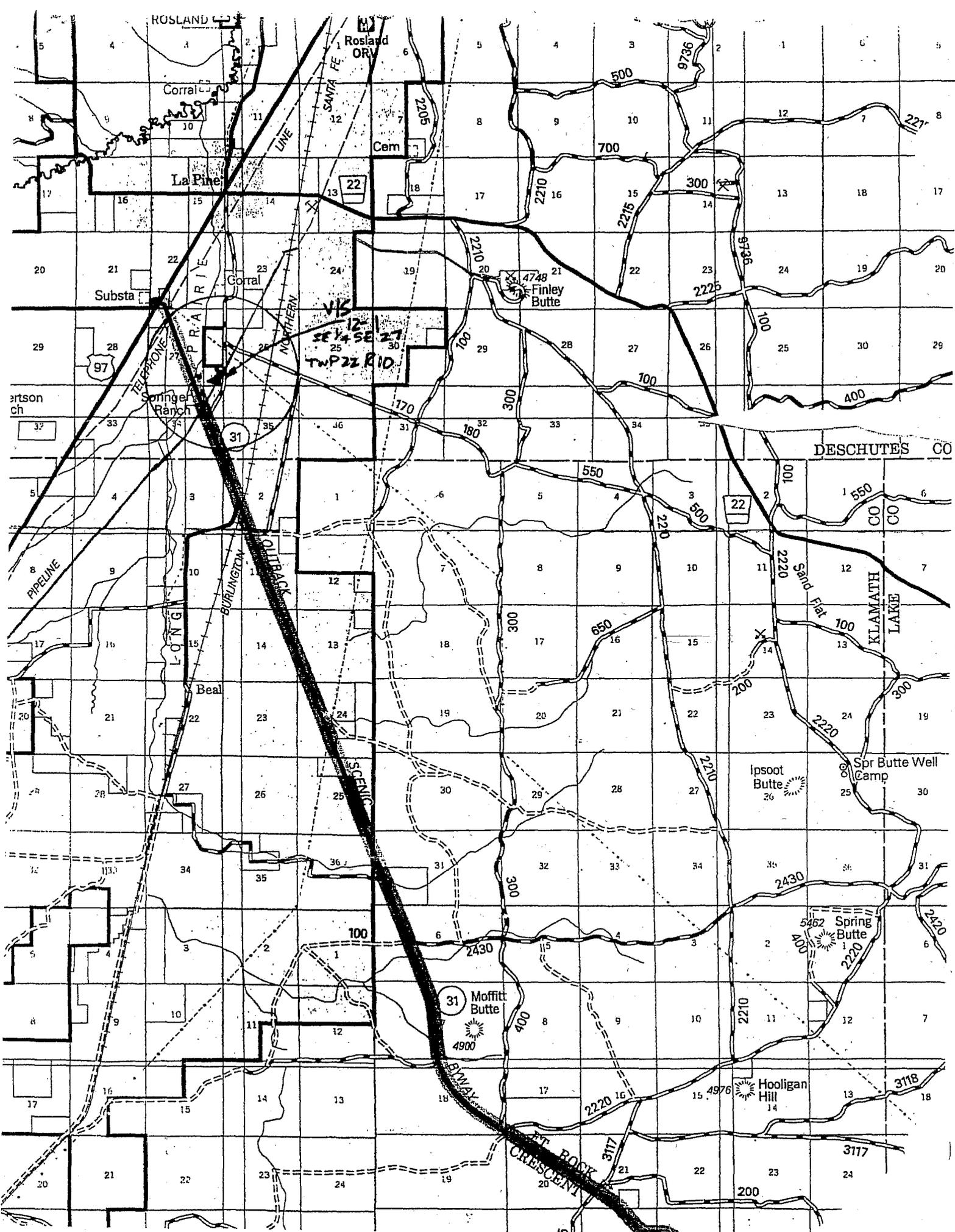
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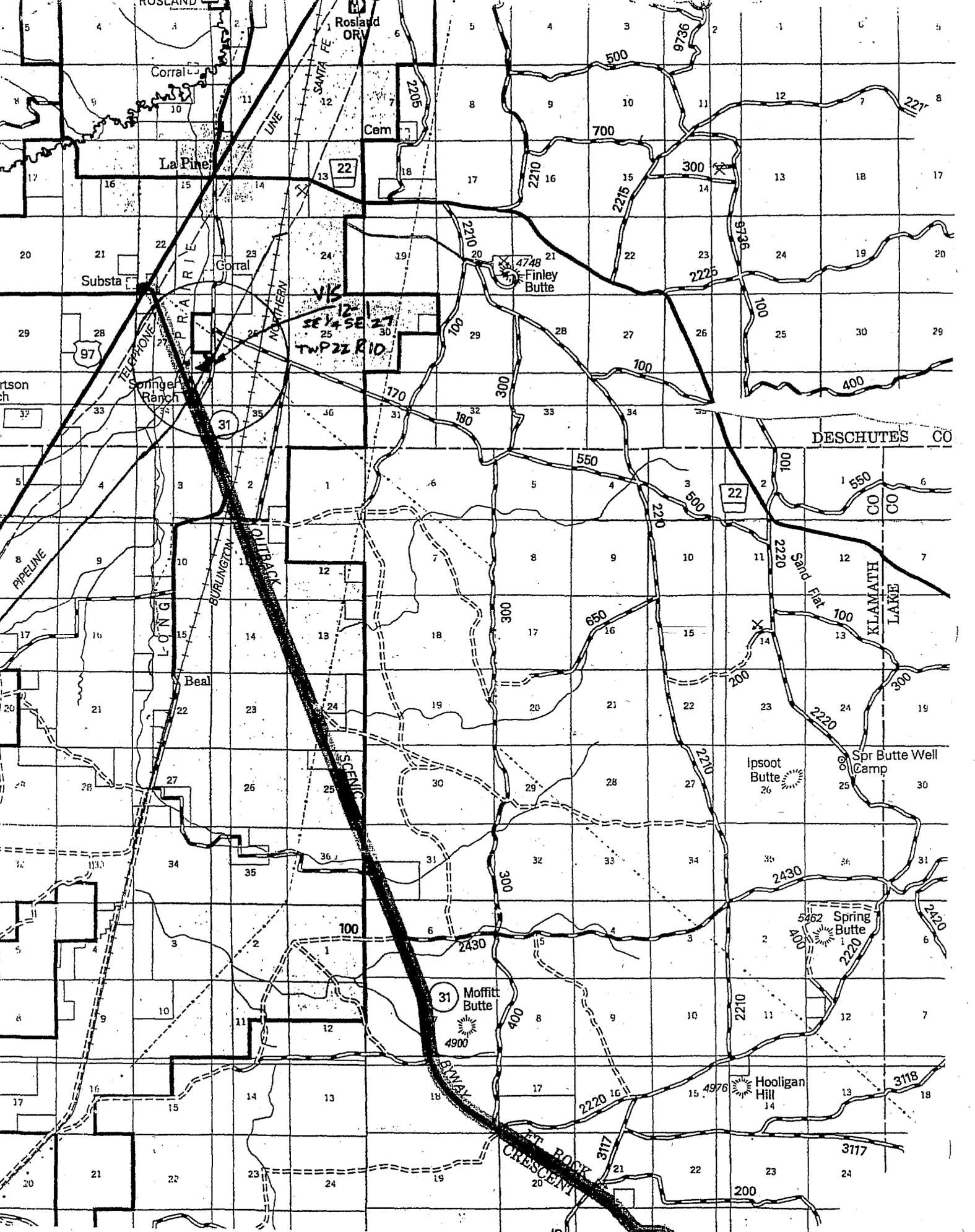
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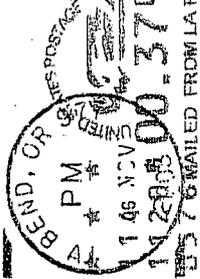
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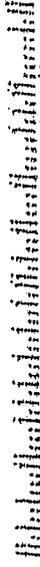
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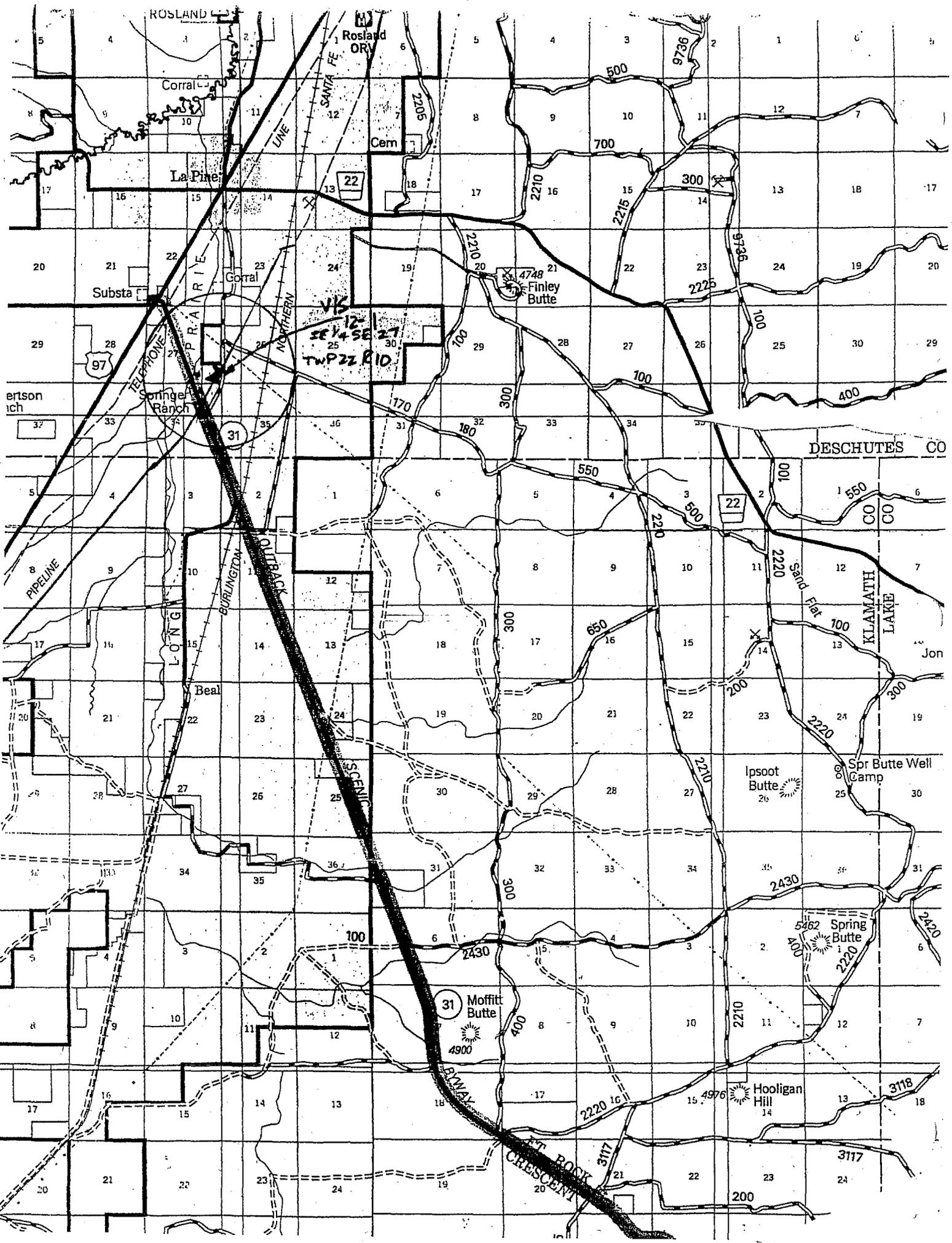
I am writing in regards to
get a no shooting zone off of Hwy 31
by the gas line. Me & my fiance bought
property out there & plan on raising a
family there. It scares me that my
child my be outside when someone
is shooting towards our house, &
could be killed. Please understand
that people already shoot towards
our property & I would hope
that we could get that stoped.
Parts of Section 27, 26, 35 & 34.

Our property is inbetween addresses
50450 & 50350, we are not sure on
our exact address as of yet.

Thank You Very Much! 

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51315 Evens Way
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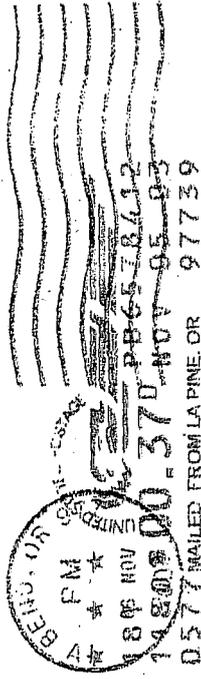
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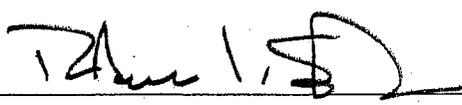
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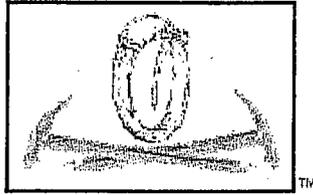
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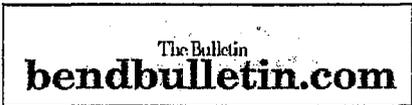
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Every human being needs spiritual renewal for their psychological well being. Only three things do this - religion, the arts, and nature. Many trails exist in the Cascades and along the rivers in Central Oregon providing opportunity to appreciate and interact with nature. We also need the same opportunities in the High Desert.

Within a short distance from Bend, Redmond and Prineville lies the 37,000 acres of the Badlands. This area provides year round access to an ancient Juniper forest, meadows with desert vegetation, interesting geological landscaping, associated wildlife and vestiges of Native American activities. To enjoy a meaningful interaction with nature in the Badlands requires a passive environment. Providing a passive environment requires a wilderness designation. This has significant local support.

I realize that a wilderness designation would disallow motorized activities. Those who favor passive recreation and those favoring OHV recreation both agree, that the two activities are incompatible. It is my understanding that the vast majority of OHV activists prefer the superior opportunities that the 643 miles of OHV trail system available in the 199,464 acres of the East Fort Rock and Millican-Valley areas. If so, few would miss the Badlands OHV opportunities and many would enjoy the passive opportunities.

We now need the support of our two senators and our congressman to obtain the needed wilderness designation.
--Gordon Baker lives in Bend



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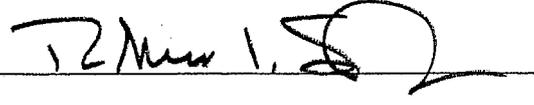
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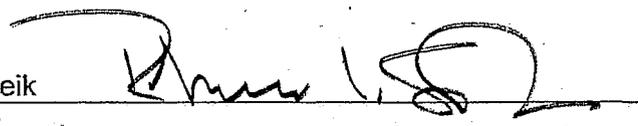
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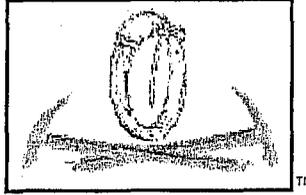
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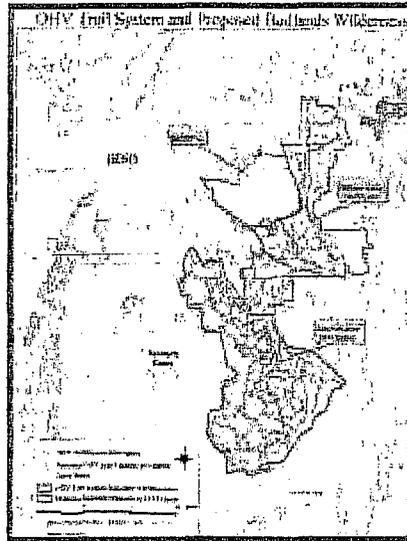
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OHV Recreational Trail System adjoining The Badlands wilderness

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This map shows the elaborate 643 mile system of OHV trails that are installed, marked, mapped and maintained by the Deschutes National Forest and Prineville BLM for the sole benefit of motorcycles and other ATVs. This 200,000 acre trail system is being maintained at public expense exclusively for those who wish to ride a machine and who also can afford to buy and ride expensive ATVs in the desert, forest and native grasslands east of Bend Oregon.

A few OHV-gas-tax funded industry lobbyists oppose the conversion of The Badlands Wilderness Study Area (a long time de-facto wilderness) to a Congressionally designated Wilderness of 37,112 acres for quiet, non motorized use. **While maintaining de-facto ATV control of 200,000 acres of public land with mechanized thunder and speed, they exclude the hiker, horseman, wanderer, explorer, backpacker, birder and others along with the critters large and small who used to live a quiet life in natural desert, beautiful ponderosa forests and native grasslands.**



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This map (and several others like it) was produced by the BLM for the exclusive benefit of OHV owners

We do hope the majority of OHV enthusiasts will actively support a Congressionally mandated Wilderness designation for this small bit of quiet desert called The Badlands.



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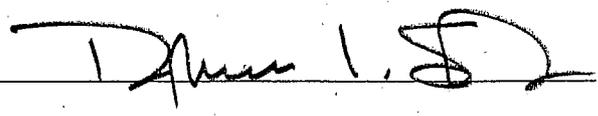
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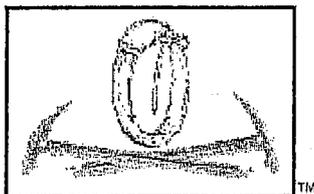
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"I believe the majority of OHV users are responsible citizens who will support this effort to create the Badlands Wilderness"

IN MY VIEW

Op-Ed to The Bulletin

by Robert Speik
June 7, 2003

Our desert public lands are for everyone.

I raced motorcycles in the desert in the 60s. I wore leathers, shin guards, and numbers. Our racers' premise was that there was more than enough desert land in the Mojave, that we could track and tear up miles of sage and sand, doing our thing, and not hurt anyone. However, to protect our perceived rights, we respected others' rights to have their desert miles set aside for horses, for birds, for kids, for backpackers and hikers, for climbers and for all the non-motorized uses they enjoyed. At times, this included our support of Congressionally mandated Wilderness areas, where by law, our motorized vehicles were not allowed.

As you may have noticed from over a dozen recent letters to the Bulletin, there is a local effort underway by citizens, landowners, conservationists, and over 100 local businesses to designate the Badlands--located just 15 miles east of town--as a Wilderness.

Sadly, a couple of motorized folks representing snowmobilers and motorcyclists, have written letters recently, that exaggerate the impact of the proposed Badlands Wilderness on their motorcycle and ATV trails and they have even implied that the general public would be closed out. They have not cited any facts to support their claims. Something did not sound right. So, I decided to research this issue and get factual information.

I obtained some information from the non-profit Oregon Natural Desert Association and confirmed those facts through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), which manages the Badlands and large neighboring Millican Valley OHV trails area. I studied the several government OHV maps and guides.

The proposed Badlands Wilderness is just 37,112 acres of desert sand, volcanic rock, and narrow dry river canyons. I have hiked through a lot of it with friends. This area has been managed as a Wilderness Study Area (a defacto wilderness) by the BLM for years. Our own Oregon Legislators are now being asked by many citizens, to put a Bill through Congress to finally approve a Badlands Wilderness in 2003.

The Badlands desert has been closed by law for years to activities such as OHV use that might potentially degrade its wilderness characteristics. Despite this closure, the area continues to suffer from illegal activities such as off-road vehicle use, the stealing of valuable 1,500 year old juniper, partying and the vandalism of irreplaceable archaeological sites.

The delicate narrow Dry River Canyon area and adjacent land is included in the Badlands proposal. It is the only part of the proposal that is not currently managed by the BLM as wilderness. It contains about 10.6 miles of OHV trails that would be closed if the area is designated as wilderness. 10.6 miles would be closed, that's all!

Adjoining the Badlands, OHV enthusiasts currently control about 200,000 acres with about 643 miles of trails that are mapped, heavily signed and rutted, and managed by dedicated Forest Service and BLM OHV Recreation Specialists. Nearly 100,000 of these acres and about 255 miles of these improved trails are in the BLM's Millican Valley OHV trail system that is right next to the desert Badlands. Connected to the south of Millican Valley is the East Fort Rock OHV trail system, which ranges over desert lands, through quiet ponderosa forests and beautiful areas of grasslands. This area includes their other 100,000 acres and over 300 miles of these OHV trails!

I think OHV enthusiasts will be content with their control of these vast areas. I believe that the majority of OHV users are responsible citizens who will actively support this grass roots effort to finally create the Badlands Wilderness. Local and vacationing hunters, hikers, backpackers, horseback riders, naturalists, runners, bird watchers, and yes, Ms. Joani Dufourd, even girl scout troops will have their small bit of land.

OHV lobbyists, currently fueled by Oregon's OHV and tow vehicle gas tax dollars, would do well to protect their perceived rights to the control of over 200,000 acres of adjoining public land by informing their members of the facts, including the fact that only 10.6 miles of their 643 miles

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of trails will be moved, and to remember that our desert public lands are for everyone. Even for folks who want to walk quietly about and listen to the birds.

--Robert Speik lives in Bend

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comment: As a concerned citizen and recreationist I would like to be on record as supportive of motorized recreation on BLM lands in Central Oregon. The preferred alternative BLM is proposing does not adequately reflect how an interim policy will be implemented. This interim policy greatly affects our sport and the users as there are no assurances BLM will ever have the resources to put together a designated trail system in the areas proposed. The aggressive vegetation management in Alt. 7 of the Juniper woodlands will negatively impact a proposed trail system.

We do not support the closure of the Badlands and feel that providing no motorized opportunities at Prineville Reservoir and the Lapine area is a mistake. There is use occurring in those areas currently, where will that use go? Especially for the Lapine and Prineville residents.

Our use is increasing approximately 20% annually with sales of OHV equipment listed at \$18 billion annually - the increasing use is not reflected in the severe limitations to OHV use on BLM land.

Please adopt a more flexible road trail density to allow for the best use of the land and for a designated trail system that will succeed. By micromanaging your areas and attempting to designate different trails for several different uses in the same areas we feel the management will fail and ultimately our use will suffer further restrictions.

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textarea: To summarize OHV recreation is one of the fastest growing outdoor activities in the US. We must have more riding areas and more land access not less!

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